

Dr. Napoleon Lewis of Dallas, Texas. Dr. Lewis was a good friend of mine and a role model to generations of students at Lincoln High School in Dallas.

On Friday, March 27, 1998, Dr. Lewis passed away at the age of 76, leaving a long legacy of love and concern for his students at Lincoln High. Indeed, Dr. Lewis was recognized nationally for his outstanding leadership of Lincoln High School in south Dallas.

He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Morgan State College in Baltimore in 1945. While he wanted to earn his master's degree at the University of Maryland, only 15 minutes from his home, the school did not admit blacks into its graduate programs. Therefore, he was forced to attend New York University during the summers and even commuted a couple of semesters by bus for Saturday classes, beginning his journey at 2 a.m. in Washington.

He supplemented his salary during those days by doing odd jobs, never complaining, never stopping and always striving.

In 1980, Lincoln High School was ranked second from the bottom in the Dallas school district. Students were not challenged and they never envisioned a life of success in college and the workforce. When Dr. Lewis was brought from Washington, D.C. to be named principal at Lincoln, he made caring for students a priority and preparing them for college a reality.

By the time he retired in 1997, the seniors at Lincoln established a record of attending the best colleges in America, including such schools as Northwestern and Howard.

Dr. Lewis was known and respected for his high standards of discipline, his values and his high expectations for his students. Dr. Lewis improved Lincoln's library, strengthening the school's broadcasting curriculum and, most impressive, increased the students' achievement scores.

Many times, individuals do not expect some of our young African-American youth to meet high standards and to have high goals. My friend, Dr. Lewis, raised our expectations of the students and showed them how to set and accomplish goals that they never dreamed possible. He pressed for replacing remedial subjects at Lincoln with physics and advanced math, subjects much more fitting for our students preparing to meet the challenges the 21st century.

All of us who care about the educational opportunities of our children in the Dallas area will miss the faith and discipline that Dr. Lewis brought to the work of educating Dallas' students.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Lewis started his educational career in Washington, D.C. where he began developing his successful formula for shaping the minds of young students. Dr. Nolan Estes, superintendent of Dallas Schools recruited him to Dallas as part of a national search to help reform the district and how it did business in teaching our children.

The way that he reformed Lincoln High School and influenced its children to reach for the stars reflected his own path to learning. He did not grant excuses or breaks to his students, because he knew that life offers little success to those who are not willing to fight, struggle and persevere.

On behalf of the many students whose lives he has touched and influenced, I would like to say that we will miss his unbounded generos-

ity and concern for their futures. His years of guidance and devotion to the Dallas area students will never leave our hearts and minds, and he will forever leave a mark in our community.

A TRIBUTE TO COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 1998

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the town of Columbia, Illinois which will be celebrating Space Shuttle Columbia Day. The celebration will commemorate the launch of the namesake shuttle at Kennedy Space Center on April 16, 1998. The Space Shuttle Columbia is commonly referred to as OV-102, for Orbiter Vehicle-102. The Shuttle has completed 24 successful flights and has traveled nearly 100 million miles. The crew of seven for the April 16 launch will carry the payload Neurolab and the astronauts will study the human nervous system in space. The mission will fly at an orbital inclination of 39 degrees, passing over Southern Illinois and its namesake City of Columbia.

As it flies over Columbia, the city will be displaying the Avenue of Flags and a commemorative space hologram postmark and envelope will be issued at the Columbia, IL Post Office 62236. A proclamation has also been issued by the City of Columbia, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, the USS Columbia (SSN 771) and the Commander and Crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia Mission STS-90. The original proclamation will be stowed onboard the Space Shuttle Columbia during its mission. The citizens of Columbia have signed oversized copies of the proclamation that will be sent as a show of support to the Shuttle Columbia crew.

Eight community leaders including Mayor Lester Schneider, Ron Raebler, Curt Kopp, Roman Altgilbera, Franklin Kohler, Scott Simpson, Don Stumpf and Don Stumpf, Sr. will witness the launch as the Space Shuttle Columbia embarks on its 25th mission.

Columbia is the oldest orbiter in the Shuttle fleet and is named after the sloop captained by Robert Gray. On May 11, 1792, Gray and his crew maneuvered the Columbia past the dangerous sandbar at the mouth of a river extending more than 1,000 miles. The river was later named after the ship. Gray also led Columbia and its crew on the first American circumnavigation of the globe.

Other sailing ships have further enhanced the honor of the name Columbia, including the first US Navy ship to circle the globe. The City of Columbia also has a rich connection to the Navy and has a namesake submarine, the USS Columbia. The community was very involved in the namesake program and has participated in both launching and commissioning ceremonies.

I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the City of Columbia's Space Shuttle Columbia Day and celebrating its namesake's historic 25th launch.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 1998

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on March 27, 1998, I was unavoidably detained during two roll call votes: number 79, on agreeing to the amendment and number 80, on passage of the Forest Recovery and Protection Act. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "yes" on number 79 and "no" on number 80.

IN HONOR OF BASEBALL HALL-OF-FAMER LARRY DOBY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pioneer in ending baseball's color barrier, Larry Doby. His accomplishments in the sport have earned him a spot in Major League Baseball's prestigious Hall of Fame.

Doby, the first African-American to play in the American League, joined the Cleveland Indians in 1947. He was instrumental in the Indians' victory in the 1948 World Series, the first for the city in twenty-eight years. Doby led the American League in home runs in 1952 and 1954, hallmarks of a distinguished career in baseball.

After leaving baseball on the field, Doby served as a manager for the Chicago White Sox in 1978 and is currently special assistant to American League president Gene Budig. His election to the Hall of Fame in 1998 reflects his life-long contributions to the game of baseball.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting one of baseball's greats, Larry Doby—a true American hero.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO SUSPEND TEMPORARILY THE DUTY ON CERTAIN CHEMICALS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 1998

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce eight bills to suspend temporarily the imposition of duties on the importation of certain products.

I am pleased to introduce six bills to suspend temporarily the imposition of duties on imports of certain chemicals used in the production of pesticides. These chemicals are deltamethrin, diclofop methyl, piperonyl butoxide, resmethrin, thidiazuron and tralomethrin. By temporarily suspending the imposition of duties, these bills would help AgrEvo USA, a company located in Wilmington, Delaware, lower its cost of production and improve its competitiveness in global markets.

I am also pleased to introduce a bill to suspend temporarily the imposition of duties on imports of Pigment Red 177. Its full subheading number is 3204.17.0435. This high